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Pension Decision.

Assistant Secretary Bussey Sustains the Bureau.

THE LINE OF DUTY DEFINED.

An Appeal for Sympathy Has No Weight With the Department—Great Improvement to Be Made in the Postal Guide. An Old Indian Debt Being Paid Off. That Korean Story Unfounded—Other Dispatches From the National Capital.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—Assistant Secretary Bussey has affirmed the adverse decision of the pension bureau on the application of Mary Taffe, widow of Henry Taffe, for a pension. Taffe and a comrade, by permission of their commanding officer, spent the night of March 16, 1863, with a provost guard at Wind Mill Point, Va., all of them drank whisky furnished by one of the officers in honor of St. Patrick's day, and during a drunken quarrel Private Cornelius Collins killed Taffe. The secretary holds that Taffe's visit to the guard post was not made in the line of military duty but for personal pleasure. Even if he was in the line of duty, however, he violated his duty by getting drunk.

In the appeal reference is made to Mrs. Taffe's financial condition. The secretary says, speaking of this: "An appeal to sympathy in behalf of a claimant may be properly addressed to the community in which claimant resides, and such an appeal, as in this case, should be kindly heard and promptly responded to on the part of a patriotic and humane people, but the department, however, disposed to hear such a claim, is confined by its duties to the impartial execution of the law, and possesses no jurisdiction over cases of appeal based on considerations of charity."

Improving the Postal Guide. WASHINGTON, July 26.—The postal guide has heretofore been of little use to the public, because it contains matter interesting only to postoffice officials. The postmaster general will make an effort to popularize it, beginning with the August issue of the monthly supplement, by placing in it matter of interest to all patrons of the postoffice. The August supplement will contain a summary in plain terms of the more important rules and regulations of the service, carefully prepared and indexed by W. B. Cooley chief clerk of the department. From time to time thereafter tables of reference and other useful matter will be published, and all of this will be gathered together in the annual guide.

Why the Plates Were Not Captured. WASHINGTON, July 26.—Chief Bell of the secret service, says he did not expect to get the counterfeiters plates on which the money was printed, when he made the arrest of Nelson Driggs at Dayton, O. "We know," he says, "that the plates are not within 800 miles of the place. We were acting under instructions from Assistant Secretary Bacheller to prevent any of the new issue getting in circulation, and that is what we did, by capturing all the money."

No Truth in the Korean Story. WASHINGTON, July 26.—The story from Tennessee to the effect that Mrs. Hattie G. Heron was under sentence of death in Korea, for preaching Christianity, has been disposed of by the receipt of the following dispatch from Minister Dinsmore from Seoul, to Acting Secretary Wharton, of the state department: "Report concerning Mrs. Heron is wholly without foundation."

The Coolies Can Go Through. WASHINGTON, July 26.—The secretary of the treasury has instructed the collector of customs at New Orleans to allow the twelve Chinese coolies detained there under the Chinese exclusion act, to proceed by the Southern Pacific railroad to San Francisco as tourists. This action is in accordance with the opinion rendered by the attorney general.

Paying Off an Old Debt. WASHINGTON, July 26.—The interior department has issued a warrant for \$22,000 to the delegates from the Pottawatomie band of Indians, who have been in the city for some time. This is 10 per cent. of the amount of an old claim, the amount of which was appropriated to the band by the last congress.

A Pittsburgh Firm. WASHINGTON, July 26.—The secretary of the navy has awarded the contract for furnishing 428 tons of steel for the new cruiser Maine to the Linden Steel company, of Pittsburgh, for \$34,753.

Secretary Tracy Back in Washington. WASHINGTON, July 26.—Secretary Tracy has returned to Washington from his farm at Oswego, N. Y.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

Minor Events and Little Happenings at Various Places.

Western Union Baptist Sunday school convention convenes at Kenia, O.

Welshmen of Youngstown, O., will send relief to their countrymen of Johnston.

Postoria, O., council adopts a saloon Sunday closing ordinance, but refuses to extend the same to other business.

New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio railroad has six carloads of jam for sale; freight and fruit cars collided at Creston, Ohio.

Michael McDonough, of Kenton, O., joins the ranks of contemptible murderers of helpless women by shooting his wife five times in the head.

COLOMBIAN INJUSTICE.

American Citizens Kept in Jail Three Months Although Not Guilty.

NEW YORK, July 26.—Timothy Burke, a native of New Orleans, formerly a sailor on the United States ship Iroquois, and who has been employed as an engineer on the Isthmus of Panama for four years, arrived from Aspinwall yesterday on the City of Para. He affords another illustration of the Colombian authorities towards American citizens. In September, 1888, Burke was hired by the captain of an Italian vessel lying off Aspinwall to repair the ship's pumps.

The following day Thomas Kelly, one of the crew, was arrested for stealing the ship's chronometer, and he claimed that Burke was an accomplice. Burke was also arrested. He was kept for thirteen days in a dark cell awaiting examination. A lieutenant of the United States ship Atlanta took Burke some money collected for him on board that vessel. The money was placed in the hands of the United States consul Viquain, who did what he could for the prisoner, who had to bribe the jailers and buy much of his own food. After eleven examinations, which occupied six months, Burke was pronounced innocent. He was not, however, released, the authorities claiming that certain papers had not arrived from Panama. Burke was kept in prison three months and ten days after being declared not guilty.

WORLD'S FAIR IN 1892.

Action Taken in New York to Have a Mammoth Exposition.

NEW YORK, July 26.—A number of the wealthiest and best known citizens of New York met at the mayor's office yesterday and discussed plans for the world's fair which it is proposed to hold in this city in 1892. Mayor Grant was made permanent chairman of the committee of arrangements and William M. Spear secretary. City Comptroller Myers moved the appointment of a committee of twenty on plans.

Ex-Governor A. B. Cornell thought the site committee should not be appointed until a later date. This would be one of the most delicate questions to be considered, and great care should be exercised in regard to it. Few shared his view, however, and the motion for four committees was carried. The mayor and secretary were made members ex-officio of all the committees. The meeting then adjourned, subject to call of the chair.

AN EARLY MORNING BLAZE.

Cincinnati Dry Docks Company Suffer a Fifty Thousand Dollar Loss.

CINCINNATI, July 26.—The saw mills of the Cincinnati Dry Dock company, situated on the river bank at Eastern avenue and Brooklyn street, was entirely destroyed by fire at 2 o'clock this morning.

It was a one-story frame, and faces toward the river, with a frontage of some seventy-five feet, and is 150 feet deep. The place was stored with a large quantity of hard wood lumber and other inflammable material. When the department arrived upon the ground the flames were past control. A half hour after the fire was discovered the building was in ruins.

During the past year the plant was refitted with some very costly machinery, and this, combined with the large quantity of wood and other valuable material, will run the loss up to at least \$50,000. It is said that the building and machinery were well covered with insurance.

Maggie Mitchell to Marry Again.

ST. LOUIS, July 26.—A New York special to The Republic, says: "It is reported that Maggie Mitchell will shortly marry her leading man, Charles Abbott. Miss Mitchell is now visiting her daughter in Germany. Mr. Abbott is making arrangements for her tour next season, and is superintending the construction of her West End theatre in Harlem. Although Maggie Mitchell's relations with Mr. Abbott have been very friendly for a long time, they never approached their present degree of intimacy until after she was divorced from Henry Paddock."

An Unfortunate Family.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., July 26.—Caleb Saylor, aged 16, while working in a bran bin in Clegg Brothers' wholesale house Wednesday, was buried by the fall of the bran, and not being seen and unable to dig out was suffocated in it. It is the third death by accident which has befallen the Saylor family within five years. Another son was killed by a boiler explosion and a daughter was drowned in the river.

Bishop Gilmore Sat Down On.

NEW YORK, July 26.—The Catholic has received the following cablegram from a correspondent: "A suspension of Rev. Dr. Quigley, formerly pastor of St. Frances de Sales' church, Toledo, O., by Bishop Gilmore, of Cleveland, has not been approved at Rome, and the clergyman has been fully restored to his rights in the diocese."

An All-Day Paper.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., July 26.—A. J. Blithen, proprietor of The Tribune, has purchased The Evening Star of this city, and beginning Aug. 29, will conduct it under the name of The Evening Tribune. The intention is to run an all-day paper. The price paid has not been made public.

A Chicago House Goes Under.

CHICAGO, July 26.—The Q. W. Loverin company, wholesale grocers and general merchants, has assigned. The liabilities, it is said, are about \$50,000, and the assets something more.

Sailed for Boston.

NEWPORT, R. I., July 26.—The Salda, the Australian war ship, sailed for Boston this morning.

New Constitutions.

How They Are Being Formed in Four Conventions.

BUT LITTLE PROGRESS MADE.

The Suffrage Question Fully Discussed at Helena, Montana—State Debt of Wyoming to Be Limited—Proceedings of the Gatherings in North and South Dakota.

HELENA, Mont., July 26.—In the constitutional convention yesterday the suffrage question was discussed. Mr. Hartman moved that a voter must be able to read and write English. Mr. Burleigh opposed this, and said it would disfranchise many foreigners who had fought for this country. Mr. Knowles took a similar view. Mr. Maginnis opposed the motion on the ground that Montana needs immigrants. He also pointed out that Anarchists and other dangerous foreigners are often well educated.

Mr. Stapleton said education was not an infallible sign of ability, honesty or merit. There was considerable confusion and excitement over the debate. The motion was finally voted down by a large majority. Only eleven members voted for it.

The question of woman suffrage came up next, and excited much interest. The galleries were filled with ladies. Mr. Beckford moved to leave the subject to the legislature. Many speeches were made for and against the motion and all were liberally applauded. The motion, namely, that the legislature be empowered to submit the question of universal suffrage to a popular vote every four years was finally defeated—34 to 29. The session then adjourned.

In Washington.

OLYMPIA, W. T., July 26.—The constitutional convention took up the article on city and town organization, which was passed in committee of the whole. Several amendments were proposed, discussed, and voted upon, but finally the article as passed in committee of the whole was adopted. The committee on state, county and municipal indebtedness reported. The article limits the state debt to \$400,000 except in times of war, or for some specific object, with the consent of the people at an election. The committee on bill of rights reported an article guaranteeing the usual freedom of speech and of press, of assembling, bearing arms, etc. Congressman Cox delivered an informal lecture in the evening before the election.

In South Dakota.

SIOUX FALLS, Dak., July 26.—The South Dakota constitutional convention held another interesting session yesterday, and made good progress. The legislative apportionment report was adopted without debate. It provides for forty-five senators and 124 representatives. The special committee, composed of clergymen, to whom was referred the memorial of the American Sabbath union, asking that the Sabbath be fully protected in the constitution, reported that under the omnibus bill this convention could found no provision of the kind suggested to the constitution. The committee on school lands, in its report, sought to make two or three changes in the article referred to it for the more sure protection of school lands and lands for public buildings, but before the report was adopted the section in the Sioux Falls constitution was restored without change.

In North Dakota.

BISMARCK, N. Dak., July 26.—Several committees made their reports to the convention. The temperance committee reported in favor of submitting a prohibition amendment to the people. The convention will soon begin the real work of making a constitution.

HUNDREDS OF SKELETONS.

An Exploring Party Makes a Startling Discovery Near Yankton, Dak.

YANKTON, Dak., July 26.—A party of explorers unearthed yesterday a number of human skeletons buried in Chalk Bluffs, ten miles east of Yankton on the Nebraska side. Fifty skulls and 200 headless skeletons were found which local physicians pronounced to be the remains of white people, children and adults. Indications are that they have been buried forty or fifty years.

Two theories are advanced to account for their presence. One is that they were immigrants bound for California in 1848, who were murdered by Indians. Another theory is that they were Indians of some tribe at war with the Sioux, and that they were massacred. The death would seem to have been inflicted with a club. Further researches will be made.

RUNAWAY ACCIDENT.

A Woman Killed and a Child Fatally Injured in Washington.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—At about noon yesterday, while Mrs. William Irwin, of this place, accompanied by her three children were driving near Elwood crossing, the horse became frightened and dashed into a rapidly moving Baltimore and Ohio freight train. Mrs. Irwin was killed outright. A 3-year-old child had both legs cut off, and will die, while the remaining two were but slightly hurt.

A Boy's Insanity Trick.

KINGSTON, Ont., July 26.—The son of Marshall H. Twitchell, the United States consul here, has been arrested for breaking into the house of Mrs. Martin last night. Young Twitchell is a mere boy and possesses a good character. He is thought to be insane.

SENSATIONAL TRIAL ENDED.

A Young and Beautiful Wife of a Banker Acquitted of Murder.

LONDON, July 26.—From Turin, Italy, comes the news of the acquittal of Genora Dina, the young and beautiful wife of Banker Dina, of that city, whose sensational trial on the charge of murder has kept the whole city in a fever of excitement for a week. The husband of the accused is well known as one of the boldest speculators on the Italian bourses, and recently, when misfortune overtook him, he was counted among the wealthiest bankers of Turin. Not long since he met with severe losses on change and attempted suicide by poison, but through the efforts of the doctors his life was saved, though for many weeks he lingered between life and death.

While in this condition two of his creditors made persistent efforts to get access to him, which the banker's devoted wife, watching at his bedside, denied them, but they, believing the banker's illness feigned, one day called at his house and threatened to break into his room by force if prevented. The brave wife seized a revolver and fired it into the air, but this did not frighten her assailants, who quickly wrenched the weapon from her grasp and proceeded toward the apartment where the banker lay at the point of death. Crazy by fears for her husband's life, she armed herself with a sharp dagger and followed the two men, one of whom, a noted broker, named Cosen-Cogli, attempted to wrest the dagger from her hands. A desperate struggle ensued, in the course of which both fell to the floor together, and in the fall, as is claimed by the defense, the dagger entered Cosen-Cogli's side, causing his death in a few minutes. Before dying, however, the unfortunate broker stated to the officer, who quickly arrived on the spot, that the fault was entirely his own, and that the lady was blameless. Notwithstanding this the young woman was arrested on the charge of murder.

She was ably defended, and the trial, which attracted attention all over Europe, finally resulted in her being set free. She was sentenced to two months' imprisonment, but the sentence was remitted by the judge in view of her long imprisonment awaiting trial. This decision gives general satisfaction in Turin, where the accused has been long and favorably known and where she moved in the very best society.

Horribly Mangled by Dogs.

CINCINNATI, July 26.—John Pumphrey, a man 73 years old, was attacked and probably fatally bitten by bulldogs Thursday. He is in the habit of taking an early morning walk, and, following his usual custom, he sauntered down towards the river. While passing a stone yard two savage bulldogs belonging to Anthony Hess, night watchman at the yards, rushed out, and before they could be called off, they had mangled Pumphrey in a horrible manner. The calf of his leg was completely torn off by the vicious brutes, while the muscles of his arms were torn in a sickening manner. The injured man was taken to the city hospital, where, on account of his advanced years, his recovery is considered doubtful.

Ohio Prohibitionists.

ZANESVILLE, O., July 26.—Rev. Dr. J. B. Helwig, of Springfield, was nominated for governor by the Prohibition convention. He started life as a blacksmith, worked his way up to college, was advised by the president of the college to go back to the forge, but later became president himself of that very Ohio college. The remainder of the ticket nominated is as follows: For lieutenant governor, L. B. Logan, of Alliance; supreme judge, Gideon T. Stewart, of Norwalk; state treasurer, D. M. Trowbridge, of Toledo; attorney general, E. J. Pinney, of Ashtabula.

The Burglar Did Not Shoot.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., July 26.—Arthur Valentine, a machinist of this city, was aroused about 3:30 o'clock yesterday morning by the noise of a burglar. He confronted the thief, who threatened to shoot. Valentine replied, "shoot and be d-d," and, seizing a chair, laid the burglar out with one blow, and pinioned him until officers came. The man gave his name as John Harris in the police court, pleaded guilty, and was held in \$5,000 for appearance at the superior court in September.

Executive Work at Deer Park.

BALTIMORE, July 26.—The Sun's special from Deer Park, Va., says: As a result of an interview between the president and Attorney General Miller, it was determined to pardon Charles W. Smith, of East Michigan, Mich., for forging a postal note. The other cases considered were Lewis C. Powell, Edw. Bennett and Samuel Butler, of South Carolina, who were convicted of violating the internal revenue law. The president positively refused to interfere in their behalf.

Ives Wants to Get Out.

NEW YORK, July 26.—Henry S. Ives has obtained a writ of habeas corpus, returnable in the supreme court to-morrow, requiring cause to be shown why he should be longer detained in Ludlow Street jail. He and his partner, G. H. Stayner, have been in jail six months on indictments in connection with the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton railroad stock irregularities. Ives claims that longer detention under an order of arrest and in the absence of trial is illegal.

The Knights Adjourn.

CHICAGO, July 26.—The members of the Knights of Labor executive board, Messrs. Holland, Costelloe and Wright, who held a session of the board yesterday to hear court cases, finished their work late last evening and left for their homes. Word was received from Mr. Powderly, who is at present in Columbia, O., that no further business remained and the board adjourned.